

## Message Text

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R 171339Z MAR 76  
FM AMCONSUL LENINGRAD  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2083  
INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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EO 11652GDS  
TAGS: PINS, SREF, UR  
SUBJ: LENINGRAD OVIR REFUSES THREE REAPPLICATIONS FOR EMIGRATION  
TO ISRAEL

REF: LENINGRAD 0385, 0273

1. LENINGRAD OVIR RECENTLY ISSUED THREE CONFIRMING  
REFUSALS OF JEWS WHO HAD REAPPLIED FOR EMIGRATION TO  
ISRAEL. THEY ARE: YEVGENIY ABEZGAUZ, ABA TARATUTA,  
AND MIKHAIL BARGMAN.

2. COMMENT THESE THREE CONFIRMING REFUSALS ARE FIRST  
TO BE ANNOUNCED SINCE FLURRY OF FAVORABLE OVIR  
RECONSIDERATIONS REPORTED IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES. CONGEN  
BELIEVES IT IS TOO EARLY TO CHALK THESE REFUSALS UP AS  
POST-CONGRESS RETURN TO "TOUGH" LINE, BUT WE WILL BE  
CAREFULLY FOLLOWING TREND HERE. IN CASE OF ABEZGAUZ,  
HOWEVER, ONE MAY DRAW CONCLUSION THAT HIS HIGH-VISIBILITY  
PROFILE OF ACTIVISM AND SEMI-CONFRONTATION WITH  
AUTHORITIES HAS NOT RPT NOT PROVED SUCCESSFUL.  
BE THIS AS IT MAY, CONGEN BELIEVES THAT MAJORITY OF  
LENINGRAD JEWS--REFUSENIKS AND THOSE CONTEMPLATING  
EMIGRATION--WILL REGARD ABEZGAUZ'S NEW TURNDOWN  
AS INDICATION THAT PATIENCE AND "QUIET" STANCE VIS-A-VIS  
AUTHORITIES OFFER BETTER PROSPECTS OF RECEIVING EVENTUAL  
PERMISSION TO EMIGRATE THAN THE ACTIVIST APPROACH.

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A GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE QUIET, BUT PERSISTENT COURSE IS

FELIX ARONOVICH.  
NEUBERT

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